

# **LANCASTER COUNTY CITIZENS' BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COUNCIL (BPAC)**

## **MINUTES**

**DATE:** 13 November 2003

**TIME:** 6:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Lancaster Chamber of Commerce Meeting Room 100 S. Queen Street

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Lauri Ahlskog, Chris Brooks, Bill Hoffman, Gary Jones, Richard Moyer, Mike Ridgeway

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Bill Horst, Nancy Nehr, Bill Swiernik

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Bob Schneider, Toole Design Group; Steve Spindler, Spindler Cartography; and Jennifer Toole, Toole Design Group

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ridgeway at 6:21 p.m.
2. Approval of Minutes of 11 September 2003: The minutes were approved as presented.
3. New Structure of BPAC: Ms. Ahlskog presented that BPAC's structure is to be changed to more closely resemble TTAC. The details have not been finalized but among the changes are that Ms. Ahlskog and Mr. Jones will no longer be voting members and the council will be expanded to between 10 and 15 members. Ms. Ahlskog will present a draft of the new structure to the council via e-mail before the next meeting. Members will vote via e-mail or phone ballot.
4. Action Committee Reports: Nothing to report.
5. 2004 Meeting Schedule: Ms. Ahlskog presented the schedule for next years meetings. The start time will be 6:00 and the location will be in the Chamber of Commerce Building.
6. Concepts for Bicycle Map: Steve Spindler discussed elements of the bike map and showed pictures that could be used on it. Key discussion points included:
  - It may be good to have a box in the legend that explains the factors that contribute to the Bicycle Level of Service grades
  - Three colors should be used on the map to represent "Bicycle Friendly", "Average", and "Below Average"
  - Maybe "Bicycle Friendly" could be changed to "Above Average"
  - Background roads on the Philadelphia map can be tough to see-Lancaster Bike Map should have darker background roads
  - Many people liked including land use categories in the map background
  - Consultants should check with Lancaster County GIS department to see if they can produce a map layer showing steep roads (above 8 to 10% grade)
  - Steve could represent traffic volume with dashed lines-he may try a map like this
  - Touring bike routes should represent all parts of the county. Five or so routes are needed. These should include PA State Bike Route "S", Heritage "C" route, Heritage museum route, and any other routes that are already signed.
  - Bike map should reference the PA Bike Drivers Manual and have a list of about 5 key safety/education messages for bicyclists

7. Draft Plan Text: Bob Schneider and Jennifer Toole discussed the overall structure and went through a list of recommendations that will be made in the Draft Plan text. They reported that the Draft Plan will be ready for BPAC review next week. Mr. Moyer submitted ideas for high-priority projects on Church Street in Ephrata and Schaum's Corner in West Earl Township, among others. Ms. Toole also presented information about the Washington DC StreetSmart pedestrian and bicycle safety campaign materials. Members liked the campaign. Ms. Ahlskog will research it further and give an update at a later meeting. PennDOT may be able to provide support and funding for training sessions and other programs, like to StreetSmart campaign.
8. Public Meeting Date: Ms. Ahlskog reported that the public meeting for review of the Phase II Plan and map has been scheduled and will be held January 21, 2004 at the Farm and Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Road.
9. Other Business & Public Participation: Mr. Hoffman suggested that BPAC draft a letter to PennDOT regarding the maintenance of the bike lanes on the Fruitville Pike Bridge. Ms. Ahlskog stated that before we take this action, the city and Manheim Township should be approached with maintenance concerns.
10. Next Meeting: 8 January 2004, 6 p.m. at the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce & Industry Building, Southern Market Center, 100 S. Queen Street, Lancaster, PA
11. As there was no other further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m..